## INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

The Brown-Patton Feud in Crawford County to Be Aired in the Courts.

Rev. W. F. Pettit Bound Over to Court-Strong Evidence in His Favor-Farmer Murders His Daughter's Lover-A Big Contract.

INDIANA.

A Genuine Feud in Crawford County Rivaling the Kentucky Article.

pecial to the Indianapolls Journal NEW ALBANY, Dec. 12 .- Not to be found wanting in such elements of sensation as have, in late years, robed various Southern States in notoriety of a shade enviable, or otherwise, Indiana now steps to the front in possession of a full-grown feud of interesting and threatening dimensions. A rural neighborhood in the vicinity of English, a small town on the St. Louis Air-line road in Crawford county, has the distinction of being the battle-ground in the case, and two families of the respective names of Pat. ton and Brown are the parties involved in the desperate disagreement. Although the differences between the two families run back for thirty-three years, when a quarrel arose over a purchase of land, more recent awakenings of war-like spirit are to be dated in 1884, in which year, on Nov. 6, at dead of night, the Brown family claims to have been visited at their home by a party of masked and armed men, who entered the house rudely, maltreated every member of the family, threatened them with death and robbed them of \$720.

Early on the following morning the Patton family appeared to challenge public sympathy in a state of great excitement and dishevelment. The elder Patton was covered with blood, his clothing torn and his jaw badly bruised, while his son carried a serious bullet wound in his head. Their house was badly torn up, windows broken out, furniture uprooted, a lantern kicked to pieces, and evidences of recent affray present all about the premises. The Pattons asserted that this condition of affairs was due to a visit made them, the night before, by a body of masked men, who had thus mistreated them because of resistance to a demand for money, and who had, nevertheless, robbed them of \$900, which the Elder Patton had concealed in the house. The outcome of these two midnight visitations was that the Browns accused the Pattons and their allies of constituting their midnight robbers; and the Pattons filed the same accusation against the Browns. With the slowness of all raral communities these rancorous sentiments smoldered in legal inaction for five years. Recently the Browns have secured an indictment against the Pattons for robbery, and for perjury in accusing them of robbery. The case will come to trial at Leavenworth, Ind., Dec. 26. More than two hundred witnesses will be in attendance on both sides. Prominent talent of New Albany and Leavenworth has been retained to support the claims of the rival factions, and as all parties to the feud are known to go constantly armed, a warm trial is expected.

Rev. W. F. Pettit's Preliminary Trial. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

LAFAYETTE, Dec. 12.-The preliminary examination of Rev. William F. Pettit, which had been in progress for two days. closed this evening, and, on motion of defendant's attorneys, the court admitted the accused to bail, fixing the amount at \$10,000. Pettit was arrested at Columbus. O., last Thursday, upon a warrant sworn out by a member of the grand jury of this county, charging him with poisoning his wife last July. The testimony of the attending physician was that Mrs. Pettit was taken with convulsions on Sunday; that she told him to treat her for strychnine poison, which he did: that she grew better until Tuesday, when the convulsions re-turned, and she died on Wednesday. Be-fore her death Mrs. Pettit expressed the belief that she had been poisoned by tea which had been made in a cup in which she had previously mixed strychnine to be used in killing rats.

Big Contract for the Madison Ship-Yard. epecial to the Indianapolis Journal.

Madison, Dec. 12.—Representatives of a syndicate, formed in Kansas City two weeks ago, to build and operate a steamboat line on the Mississippi, between St. Louis and Kansas City, have just contracted with the Madison Ship-yard Com-pany to construct three boats, to be forty-six feet beam, and 250 feet long. The en-gines are to be twenty inches in diameter, seven feet stroke, with four boilers, fortytwo inches in diameter and twenty-two feet long, having four ten-inch flues. The boats will have electric lights. All are to be completed by June 1, at a total cost of

White Caps on a New Tack. Special to the Indianapolis Journal:

NEW ALBANY, Dec. 12.-It has leaked out that in Cawford county the dreaded White Caps have been so vigilantly discouraged by United States officers that they have been forced to assume a new disguise for their lawless workings. It is stated that their latest method of dealing with obnox-jous persons in that neighborhood is to call together the members of the "circle," and manufacture against the obnoxious person sufficient evidence to procure his arrest for some alleged crime, and then prosecute him to conviction if possible.

Middletown Board of Trade. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 12.-An enthusiastic meeting of the leading citizens of this place washeld in Hedrick's Hall last night to complete the organization of a Board of Trade. The organization was perfected by the election of officers as follows: President. J. P. Shoemaker; vice-president, Willis Wischart; treasurer, N. N. Showalter. Directors: F. Tykle, John Hedrick, A. S. Miller, George L. Swain and J. O. Lambert. diddletown is situated on the C., St. L. & P. railroad, in the most prolific portion of the gas belt, and has some of the best wells in the State.

Crawfordsville Gas-Sale Off. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Dec. 12.-The sale of the gas and electric-light plant of this city to New York parties, for \$105,000, has probably fallen through. The syndicate was to pay cash, and it seems that they are unable to do so, but offer to take \$50,000 in stock. This the directors refuse to accept. There is a forfeit of \$1,000 put up by the New York parties. The intended purchasers and their attorney here have spent \$200 sending telegrams in regard to this matter.

Killed His Daughter's Lover.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal MUNCIE, Dec. 12.-Wednesday evening, while Lon Wisehard, a young man of Springport, twelve miles south of this city. was shot dead by Del Harry, an enraged father, whose daughter was by young Wise-hard's side at the time of the murder. Harry had notified Wisehard that he would kill him if his attentions to his daughter were not discontinued. Harry was taken to New Castle and placed in jail: He approached the victim from behind.

Two Years for Killing His Wife.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 12.-The jury in the ease of John H. Taylor, for murdering his wife at their home, six miles west of Indianapolis, last May, came in just after dinner to-day with a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at two years' imprisonment, after being out since 5 o'clock yesterday. Six of the jury were for acquittal, while the others wanted to send him up for any time from two to fifteen years.

Minor Notes. A movement is on foot in Fort Wayne for the formation of an exclusive social club for gentlemen.

William Liebfried, a switchman, was caught between the bumpers and severely crushed at Columbus.

which restored his mental equilibrium. He had been flighty ever since his skull was fractured, ten years ago, by a blow with a stick of stove-wood. James Brown, a colored farm-hand, was

having blown his brains out. Martin Jackson, a boy of fourteen, at-tempted to board a moving freight train at Franklin, and his leg was amputated. Ex-Mayor William Wilson, of Logans-port, is dead from typhoid fever. He was well known throughout northern Indiana.

found dead in the woods near Edingburg.

Ernst Schieman, an old resident of Fort Wayne, was seized with hemorrhage of the lungs at the breakfast table and died in a

Judge Campitt, special pension examiner, has been transferred to Logansport, and will be succeeded at LaPorte by Judge Stillwell, of Chicago. Fred Price, of Brazil, has brought suit

for \$10,000 in the Vigo county court against Elsie Jones, in whose saw-mill he was permanently disabled. H. H. Everett, of Michigan City, was de-

feated in a wrestling match with Bert Schiller, of Beloit, Wis., who has issued a challenge to any man in Indiana. Richard Hopkins, a young farmer of Greenfield township, Lagrange county, was found dead beneath his horses' feet in his barn. He had died of heart disease.

Alonzo Berryman, of Union township, Montgomery county, sued the township for damages, claiming that a pond which was formed after the grading of a road caused several members of his family to have typhoid fever. He received \$300 judgment. Rev. George Hoover, one of the oldest and most widely known ministers of east-ern Indiana, died at his home a few miles east of Middletown, Wednesday morning, of paralysis. He was a minister in the German Baptist (Dunkard) Church, and

until a few months ago had been an active preacher for quite half a century. August F. Siemon, head of the book and stationery firm of Siemon & Brother, at Fort Wayne, died yesterday, aged sixtyeight years. The deceased was one of the most prominent German-Americans of Fort Wayne, a veteran in business and highly esteemed. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church and leaves a large family well provided for.

Charles Latta, who was employed by the Patton Hollow-ware Company, at the Prison South, as a night foreman in the embellishing-room, disappeared from his home last Saturday, and has not been heard from since that day. He lived with his widowed mother and sister at Jeffersonville, and his mysterious departure is caus-

ILLINOIS.

Fatal Stabbing Affray Between Farmers at a Birthday Party.

TUSCOLA, Dec. 12.-While attending a birthday party at the residence of Clans Hanson, ten miles southwest of here, Peter Stolly and David Krow, two prominent German farmers, became engaged in a quarrel, during which Krow was stabbed seven times by Stolly and his throat cut. His wounds probably are fatal. The guests became panic stricken during the fight, with the exception of Krow's wife, who finally separated the men and stood be-

Trial of the Atwood Murderer. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

MONTICELLO, Dec. 12.—The case of James Fitzpatrick, who shot Everett Thrasher and David Washburn at Atwood, this county, came up to-day before Judge J. W. Merritt. Fitzpatrick was held in \$2,000 bond for his appearance for trial. Thrasher is fatally wounded and will die. The trouble grew out of Thrasher having fired several times at Fitzpatrick recently, for which he was fined fifty dollars and costs in the Piatt county court. The sympathy of the people is with Fitzpatrick.

Wedding of Deaf Mutes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 12.—At Manito, Tazewell county, last evening, Mr. Thos. J. Cranwell, of that place, and Miss Ella Hallett, of Crawford county, Illinois, were united in wedlock, at the Reformed Church. in the presence of a large company of friends. The interesting feature of the wedding was that both the bride and the groom are deaf mutes. Rev. Dr. Philip Gillette, superintendent of the State Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Jackson-ville, of which both are graduates, performed the ceremony.

Brief Mention.

Dr. J. Bryant, of Dewitt, was given one year in the penitentiary for malpractice. T. Bump, aged seventy-six, an old resident of McLean county, fell dead at Hud-

George McC. Rex. for twenty-five years a resident of Bloomington, and a prominent politician, died at Reaville, N. J., Wednes-

Gideon Gore, son of J. H. Gore, a farmer, was thrown from a horse against a tree, near Moscow, and killed. His neck was

Frank Watson accidentally shot his brother Albert in the face and neck while hunting, at Pana, Tuesday evening. The wounded man will recover.

The residence of Mrs. J. P. Laird, at Alton, was entered by burglars Tuesday night and robbed of several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry and silverware. Wallace W. Crandall, aged sixty-nine

years, of Aurora, was accidentally suffo-cated by gas in his room Tuesday night, He left the gas partially turned on after extinguishing his light. The State Board of Education, in charge of the affairs of the State Normal School at

Normal, was in session at the university yesterday. The Normal will close for the holiday vacation on the 19th. The Illinois State Grange is in session at Springfield with 500 delegates present, The

executive committee in its report showed fifty-two new granges, with 2,500 members, organized during the last year. St. Alexius Catholic Church, at Beardstown, which has just been finished at a cost of over \$35,000, will be dedicated next Sun-

day. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ryan, Bishop of Alton, assisted by a number of his clergy. will perform the ceremonies of consecra-

The State Horticultural Society, in session at Hamilton, elected the following officers: President, Javis Webster, of Centralia; vice-president, H. L. Doane, of Jack-sonville; secretary, A. C. Hammond, of War-saw; treasurer, H. K. Vickroy, of Normal. The next annual meeting will be held at

The Johnstown Theater Condemned.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12.-The investigation into the cause of the theater disaster was concluded last night, shortly before midnight, and a verdict rendered that death was caused in each case by suffocation in a jam resulting from a panic precipitated by a false alarm of fire in Parkes's Opera-house during a performance. The jury also found that, owing to the insuffi-cient number of exits, the narrowness and faulty construction of the only one to the house, the building is entirely unsafe for any public gathering, and request the authorities to take proper measures to prevent any public assemblies in the building as now constructed. The funerals of some of the victims took place this afternoon, and the others will be buried to-morrow. All those injured in the panic are doing well, and the physicians report that all will re-cover. Messrs. Mack and Klein, the proprietors of the opera-house, have canceled all engagements, and the house will remain closed until it has been remodeled and better exits provided. As this was the only theater left in the city after the flood, no more theatricals will be witnessed in Johnstown this winter.

A Bill That Slipped Through Unnoticed. St. Louis, Dec. 12 .- It has just been discovered that a bill increasing jurors' fees from \$1.50 to \$2 per day, which passed the Legislature and became operative last month, applies to St. Louis. Just how the bill slipped through is a mystery, but there will be a mob of underpaid jurors after the extra half a dollar per day to-morrow when the fact becomes public. Since the bill became operative over 9,000 jurors have served from one to a dozen days, and the city will be muleted in the sum of \$30,000 to satisfy their claims.

NEVER defer until to-morrow what should be attended to to-day. A slight cough shouldn't be

John McCurdy, of Sellersburg, recently use Salvation Cil for any and all pains. It is a underwent the operation of trephining, sure cure, and costs only 25 cents.

GAS-STOKERS OUT ON STRIKE

A Labor Disturbance That Will Put Many Londoners to Great Inconvenience.

The Arbitration Committee Only Partly Successful-Stanley to Be Presented with the Freedom of London-Spain Irritated.

LONDON'S GAS-WORKERS.

A General Strike Averted, Though the Strik-

ers Will Probably Cause Trouble. LONDON, Dec. 12 .- The strike of the gasstokers is fairly begun and the preliminary sparring of the men and the masters having rendered the one desperate almost to madness and driven the other to the extreme of determination, the likelihood of rioting and perhaps bloodshed seems very great. As yet no demonstration partaking of violence has been made, but fears are entertained that when the last shift of the men come out of the works at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning an attempt will be made by the strikers to prevent the new men from entering. Many of the newcomers are as desperate from want of work and consequent hunger and exposure as the strikers can possibly be from brooding over their grievances and the refusal of the company to redress them, and a riot between the two elements must result in injury to many if not promptly quelled. The public sympathy which was lavished upon the dock laborers in their great strike is entirely lacking in the present struggle, and there is also an entire absence of the sympathy shown by the police on the former occasion. In these circumstances the 500 policemen who are surrounding the gas-works may be depended upon by the company to show the strikers no mercy if they attempt by force to prevent the new men from going to work, and the latter may also be relied upon to protect themselves if it shall become necessary for them to fight. The gas-stokers have issued a manifesto, declaring that the employment of soldiers to directly or indirectly assist the gas companies or to interfere with the panies, or to interfere with the strikers in their contest with the masters, will inevitably result in social revolution.

To-night it was said that at a conference held at the Mansion House this afternoon between Sir Mark Wilks Collet, Sir John Lubbock and Lord Mayor Isaacs, acting as arbitrators, and representatives of the gas companies and their employes, an amicable arrangement of the existing troubles was made, and that a general strike of the coalporters is thereby averted. The strike will, therefore, be confined to the gas-stokers and coal-porters employed by the South London Company. That company is engaging able-bodied paupers. of which there are thousands now in the poor-houses of London, to take the places of strikers. Pickets sent out by the strikers to-day stopped many of these men and persuaded seventy of them not to go to

The second shift of men employed in the Metropolitan gas-works struck at 11 o'clock to-night. There was no disturbance and they went out in an orderly way. The company is engaging "blacklegs" in the provinces. It offers a bonus of £2 for the first week and £1 a week for each succeed-ing week during the strike in addition to the regular wages. The pickets working for the strikers got hold of nearly two hundred men brought up from Portsmouth by the company and induced them to desist. The committee organizing the strike has appealed to the public for funds.

The gas companies, in view of threatened stoppage of their supplies of English coal through a boycott arising from the strike of their employes, have arranged with Hamburg dealers for supplies that will be transported in ships with German crews and be handled by German porters.

HONORS FOR STANLEY.

He Will Be Presented with the Freedom of London-The Queen's Congratulations. LONDON, Dec. 12.-The corporation of London has invited Mr. Stanley to accept presentation will take place in the Guildhall. The parchment conferring citizenship upon Mr. Stanley will be inclosed in a

gold casket. On the evening of the day on which the presentation is made a reception will be given to Mr. Stanley in the Guild-The Queen has sent a cable dispatch to Mr. Stanley, in which she says: "My thoughts are with you and your brave followers, whose hardships and dangers are at

an end. I again congratulate you all, including the Zanzibaris who displayed such devotion and fortitude during your marvelous expedition. I trust Emin Pasha is making favorable progress."

It is announced that Stanley will pay a visit to the Khedive on his way home, remaining at Cairo three days. The Khedive, it is stated, has already begun preparations for receiving the explorer which

for receiving the explorer, which contemplate manifestations of welcome usually reserved for royalty.

All Zanzibar is engaged in feting Mr. and the members of his expedition The British India Steam Navigation Company to-day gave a luncheon to him on board the steamer Arawatta, which has arrived there as the pioneer vessel in the direct service between Great Britain and East Africa. Mr. Stanley made a speech, in which he predicted the rapid growth and prosperity of East Africa.

The Zanzibaris who accompanied Stan-ley on his expedition through Africa were received by the Sultan of Zanzibar to-day. The Sultan thanked them for the splendid services they had rendered and rewarded them with presents.

Emin's Condition.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 12.-Emin Pasha had restless night, disturbed by frequent and very severe paroxysms of coughing. He is unable to swallow solid food. His bruises continue very painful. Otherwise his condition is unchanged.

SPANIARDS AROUSED.

United States Senator Call's Proposal in Regard to Cuba Roundly Denounced. MADRID, Dec. 12 .- The papers here manifest a great deal of irritation at Senator Call's proposal in regard to Cuba, and roundly denounce it. This is a subject upon which Spain is very sensitive, and the mere suggestion of any change in the ownership of Cuba is apt to be regarded as an offense to the national dignity. The proposition was that the Washington government should open negotiations with Spain to secure her consent to the establishment of a Cuban republic, and the payment of an indemnity to Spain, and the newspapers are indignant that any one should imagine that Spain would listen to such a proposal. The Epoca says: "This is a mad idea, and it cannot be that anyone in Washington takes it seriously. Even if a republic were established in Spain, she would not consent established in Spain, she would not consent to the separation of Cuba. Spain is re-solved, at all hazards, to maintain the in-tegrity of the national territory, and political divisions do not exist thereon."

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

France Takes a Hand in the Quarrel of the French-Canadians with the Government. OTTAWA, Dec. 12 .- Judging from the reports which are reaching here from Paris, there appears to be strong reason for believing that the appeals for protection the French-Canadians have made to France are likely to be productive of results not looked for in political circles in Canada. The French government, it is understood, has determined on looking into the question fully as to how far the terms upon which Canada was ceded to Great Britain by France have been carried out, and whether there has been any infringment upon the population of Canada at the time the treaty neglected when Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will | was signed. In view of the possible intervention of France, which could but result in serious international complications between that republic and Great Britain.

Lord Salisbury has requested to be furnished with full information setting forth the questions in dispute between the Do-minion government and the French Cana-dian people, the equity of such demands as may have been set up and what measures have been taken to adjust them. The political atmosphere in Canada is anything but reassuring just now, and an open rupt-ure between the two nationalities is not beyond the range of possibility.

Portugal May Follow Brazil's Example. MADRID, Dec. 12.-Senor Castelar said in an interview that the events in Brazil had been no surprise to him. He believes that the example will be followed in Portugal sooner or later, but not in Spain, because in Spain the Regent, during the King's mi-nority, keeps liberal Ministers in office, and has allowed Sagasta to establish universal suffrage. He thinks the Brazilian republic is stable.

Christians Beaten with Canes. ATHENS, Dec. 12.—Despite the amnesty declared in Crete, twenty Christians were recently brought before the authorities there in chains and beaten with capes.
Advices from Corea state that Chakir
Pasha is disarming the Christians as fast as possible, while the outrages by Turkish troops and officials increase rather than di-

An Odious Law Repealed. BERLIN, Dec. 12 .- The Reichstag, by a large majority, approved the motion to repeal the law of 1874, which gives the government authority to expel from the country any clergyman who having been offi-cially deprived of his elerical charge, yet persists in the performance of his clerical

Miners' Lockout Ended. DORTMUND, Dec. 12.—The directors of all the mines have agreed together to end the lockout. All the men have therefore been restored to their places. The leaders, Bunte and Siegel, have declined, for the present, all offers to return to their former employment.

Cable Notes. The English Parliament will meet on The Catholic Primate has approved the Irish Tenants' League and its objects.

The German Reichstag, by a vote of 127 to 111, has adopted Von Hune's resolution for the exemption from military service of all students of theology. Mr. Parnell has written a letter in which he says he is recovering from the cold from

which he is suffering, and that he hopes to be able to speak at Nottingham on Tuesday Tennyson's new volume is published. All the poems are short. One is dedicated to James Russell Lowell. All the dailies de-clare that many of the poems are equal to

any of Tennyson's former efforts. Col. Clibborn Booth, chief of staff to the commander of the Salvation Army, who was arrested for infringing the decree by which he was expelled from Switzerland. was arraigned at Geneva and liberated upon the payment of £5.

Corvee has been abolished throughout Egypt. It has been replaced, however, by an addition to the land tax. If France will give her consent to the proposed conversion of the Egyptian debt no further addition to the taxes will be necessary.

Mr. Gladstone has written a prefatory letter to be published with the English edition of the "Memoirs of a Southern Plant-He commends the book highly. These are memoirs of the life of Colin Dabny, written by his daughter, Mrs. Swedes, of

The Communal Council of Berlin has sanctioned, by a vote of 70 to 28, the proposal of the syndicate to demolish certain houses opposite the palace for a site for a monument to Kaiser William, but has rejected the proposal to raise funds for the monument by a lottery.

The influenza is spreading throughout Germany. The administration of justice in the courts at Berlin is suspended, because all the judges are down with the epidemic. It is proposed to close all the schools, especially at Dantzic, where at least half the children are affected.

The difficulty of obtaining a sufficient number of agricultural laborers to cultivate the crops in many parts of Germany has become so great as to induce the farmthe freedom of the city. The ceremony of the importation of Chinese farm hands, and the project has met with general approval.

The Socialists of Germany are vying with the national leaguers of Ireland in the amount of funds they are receiving from their brethren in the United States, much of the success achieved by the Socialists in the recent elections having been secured by the expenditure of money contributed from America.

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Local Forecasts.

For Indianapolis and Vicinity-For the twenty-four hours ending 8 P. M., Dec. 13-GENERAL INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 8 P. M .- Forecast till 8 P. M. Friday: For Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia

-Fair and warmer; southerly winds on Friday morning, followed by westerly winds and much colder by Saturday morning. For Michigan and Wisconsin-Fair Friday and Saturday; much colder by Saturday morning; winds shifting to north-

For Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota-Fair; northerly winds; lower temperature. For Illinois-Fair; lower temperature; northerly winds; fair on Saturday.

Local Weather Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12. Time. | Bar. | Ther. | R. H. Wind. | Weather. | Pre 7 A.M. 30.36 35 77 S'east Cloudless. .... 7 P.M. 30.16 53 47 South Cloudless. .... Maximum thermometer, 58; minimum thernometer, 34.
Following is a comparative statement of the condition of temperature and precipitation or

Normal.... Mean. 46
Departure from normal \*9
Excess or deficiency since Dec. 1... \*127
Excess or deficiency since Jan. 1... -232

General Weather Conditions. THURSDAY, Dec. 12, 7 P. M. PRESSURE.-A small low barometric area

torn off from that west of the Rocky mountains rushed eastward; central this morning in western Iowa, it is to-night over Lake Huron. One large high area is central north from Manitoba, with 30.40 at Qu'Appelle, and temperature below zero; extending southward to Kansas it joins another large high area over the south and east portions of the country, central with 30.38 in North Carolina. The low area west of the Rocky mountains remained stationary near the Pacific coast. TEMPERATURE.-From northern Montana

and northern Minnesota northward less than zero is reported; 10 below zero in Manitoba; 20 and less in Dakota, central Minnesota and north from Lake Superior; 40 and above from Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and the lower lakes southward: 60 and above from Indiana Territory, southern Iowa, Missouri and southern Illinois southward; 70 and above from northern Louisiana and Mississippi southward.

PRECIPITATION.—Snow has fallen in Montana and Manitoba; heavy snow, 11 inches, at Qu'Appelle, Man.; light rains at St. Louis, Salt Lake City, and in southern Direct from the North Pole.

St. Paul, Dec. 12.—Observer Lyons, of the signal service, reports that the cold wave is approaching us from the north pole and more than one thousand miles wide. This evening all the territory north of Montana, Dakota and west of Minnesota had a temperature of from 2 to 14 degrees below zero. At Medicine Hat the mercury stands this evening at 16 degrees below zero; Prince Albert, 14 below; Qu'Appelle, 10 below; Minnedosa, 10 below; Fort Assina-boine, Mont., and St. Vincent, Minn., 6 bethere has been any infringment upon the concessions made to the French-speaking population of Canada at the time the treaty wave will be of considerable duration.

Why the President Is Welcomed.

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New York Tribune.

One of the reasons why General Harrison is welcomed wherever he goes is that he is in the Cronin case to-morrow, has trans
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New York Tribune.

One of the reasons why General Harrison is welcomed wherever he goes is that he is the help. Most highly recommended. Write is the President of the United States; another

ferred his duty to Judge Longenecker. Mr. Mills has been ill for some days. Until to-day he was confident that he would be able to perform the task assigned to him, but a sudden relapse caused him to change his plans under a stern injunction from his physician to remain at home.

THE STREET-RAILROAD PLANT.

Mr. Shaffer Says the City or Any Individual or Company Can Have It on Easy Terms.

The matter of the Citizens' Street-railway Company's paying a large price for its franchise was suggested to Mr. Shaffer, the company's president yesterday. "It would be impossible considering the revenues of the company," said he, "to pay anything like the sum advocated by some people. The company would be glad to sell its plant for \$2,000,000 ,and if it could, it would agree to distribute \$100,000 to the poor. We are willing to sell to the city or any individual for \$1,000,000 if the purchaser will give us thirty-years bonds at 8 per cent. On these terms we will turn over the capital stock, and the stockholders can take the road as it is, with all the property, including animals, cars and stables, together with the indebtedness of the company. The street-railroad business is different from that of others. We cannot turn our money over and over, as many corporations do. All the property remains fixed, and so is the revenue which comes from one source—the passengers we carry." The opposition to granting an extension of the franchise on these terms in the pending ordinance has caused leading citizens to appeal for its passage. Council, at its meeting next Mon-day night, will doubtless have two long petitions before it, one asking that the ordinance be not passed, and the other that the franchise be granted. The latter has been in circulation for a day or two, and has the names of many heavy property-

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE-VICTORIA VOKES. The engagement of Miss Victoria Vokes. supported by the Thearle and Cooper Comedy Company, began at the Grand Operahouse last night with Bucklone's one-act comedy of "The Rough Diamond," and a clever sketch entitled "Hubby" by H. A. Sherburn. The latter seemed all the brighter in contrast with the rather heavy and cumbrous piece of humor that preceded it. What induces a competent and well-balanced company. with the most versatile, most refined and best equipped fun-maker of her day at its head, to load itself with an introductory whose main merit is its brevity, is one of the things which no average theater-goer can explain. It serves, however, as a foil to bring out more strongly the good points of better things that follow it. Miss Vokes makes the best of Margery. She is too good an actress to fail to invest whatever character she undertakes with some touch of her genius, and she plays the part of the good-natured and impulsive hoyden with her old-time force and heartiness. But there is little in the part, as written, for the development of her best work, and even less for the capable people included in her support. Mr. Vernon struggled man-fully with an insipid character, as Sir William Evergreen, Leigh-ton Baker indicated his strength in ton Baker indicated his strength in old men's parts as Lord Plato, and Fred Sidney worked hard to furnish employ-ment for the risibles of the audience as

Cousin Joe. The comedy which followed it came like a new revelation of the strength and capacity of the company, from the star humblest member of the Miss Vokes has grown since her last appearance here, and her jollity, as it came out in the more genial atmosphere of the afterpiece, seems to have increased proportionately with her avoirdupois. She still has the marvelous quickness characteristic of her family, and her deftness in the stage business suggests dramatic heredity as well as long and careful training. Her facial changes are as wonderful as ever, and her merry English countenance is not more expressive than her pantomime, in which her hands and shoul lers speak volumes. She has, besides, the faculty of inspiring the people who act with her to their best efforts, and the crisp talk and lively movement of Mr. Sherburn's brilliant play were given with a finish and dash that would have carried off less clever comedy successfully. Of Miss Vokes's singing and dancing a good deal has been written, and a good deal more could be written without conveying any adequate impression to the future investigator of the musical and saltatory attainments of the nineteenth century. It is enough to say that no one else seems to fill an average theater so full of music, or an average stage so full of skirt as easily. She has her own methods in both. They seem to require no caveat or letters patent for the protection of the inventor. In the duet in the second act of the comedy last night, with Mr. Vernon, the enthusiasm of the audience was unbounded, and the minuet which followed was admirably done. Of the half a dozen bright characters distributed among the support, Mr. Vernon's Hop-scotch, Fred Sidney's O'Braggerty, and the Mrs. Hopscotch and Mrs. Cattermole of Miss Gertrude Wood and Mme. Anna De-Nancase were noticeably good, To-night the Good for Nothing" will take the place of "The Rough Diamond." At the matinee and evening performances to-morrow "Mero Cipher." "Nan, the Good for Nothing" and "Checkmate" will be presented.

ENGLISH'S OPERA-HOUSE. The sensational drama "Guilty Without Crime," given at English's Opera-house last night, pleased a good audience. It has several startling incidents, and the story brings the run of the play up to one or two very thrilling situations. The company presents it with all the effectiveness the play demands. Dore Davidson and Miss Ramie Austen, who have the characters around which the interest chiefly centers, fill the requirements of the work they undertake. "Guilty Without Crime" will be repeated to-night and to-morrow after-

"The Wife," a society drama that enjoyed such a long and successful run in New York, and which will be at the Grand Opera-house next week, was written by Belasco and DeMille, the authors of "Lord Chumley." The play was seen here last spring, and was well received. Daniel Frohman's Lyceum Theater Company will play it here.

The last entertainment of the first series of the Indianapolis Lecture Course will be given by Professor John Towers and local musical talent, including some of the best singers. The programme will consist of English glees and madrigals. Seats will be on sale at Baldwin's on Saturday morning. The Florence Bindley Company played "After Taps" to large audiences at the Park yesterday afternoon and last night. Frank Lindon will be the next attraction at this house. He will appear in "Monte

The "Said Pasha" Opera Company will give two performances at the Grand next week, following the engagement of "The

"Daniel Boone." a sensational drama, will be presented at English's Opera-house the latter part of next week.

One of Stanley's Old Chums. Omaha Republican.

The whirligig of time brings many men to the front who were once looked upon as very ordinary beings. The return of Henry M. Stanley from the wilds of Africa recalls the fact that among his intimate friends while living in Omaha was one Comstock, who tried to practice law but failed for want of clients. Comstock afterwards drifted to Minnesota, took a shovel and went to work on the Northern Pacific railroad. When he came to the Red River of the North he settled down and hung out his shingle in the little town of Moorhead. He stayed there and made a fortune by laying out towns along the Manitoba road. Finally he was elected to the Legislature and is now a member of Congress. He isn't as well known, perhaps, as his old Omaha chum, Henry M. Stanley, but he is getting along comfortably in life.

is that as often as he appears in public his simple dignity of demeanor and manifest sincerity of feeling do honor to his office and to the people who placed him in it. The universal cordiality of his reception in Chicago puts to rout a host of silly inven-tions about the indifference of Illimois Re-publicans to the Republican President, and shows at the same time the respect with which a faithful and efficient chief magistrate is regarded by citizens of all parties.

Where Revision Is Needed.

New York Independent. Our diplomatic service needs careful re-vision. We know of places where consuls are serving without salary: we know of cases where their income is such that they can live little better than beggars. Such a condition of things is a disgrace to the wealth of a self-respecting nation. The whole fee system should be abolished, consuls paid a comfortable salary, and subor-dinate positions of the diplomatic service should not be the spoil of party. Let Congress elevate our ministers to the grand powers to the rank of embassadors; let it provide official residences at the great cities, and let it make the tenure of office in subordinate positions reasonably permanent, and it will no longer be true that we can send none but rich men into the service without running the risk of disgracing the country by a niggardliness which is not democratic.

Minneapolis Times. Held by the enemy-your note.

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